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- COLD CRUSH -

WORLDS COLLIDE
IN **2**

PLUS:
ICE MAN
AND ROLL —
TOGETHER
FOREVER?!



IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY AND PROTECT THE WORLD. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

MEGA MAN™

PREVIOUSLY...



Mega Man and his robotic friends have, time and again, triumphed in the face of adversity and evil – but through it all, one struggle in particular eludes these heroes: the desire to be more human.

The concept of a robotic "soul" has been a controversial one – some are offended by the very concept, arguing that robots run on nothing more than computer coding and are to be used as tools for the betterment of humankind. Dr. Light argues that the human body itself is simply an advanced "machine" built out of DNA "coding" with flesh and blood instead of metal and circuitry.

"Soul" or not, advanced robots like Mega Man are here to stay – and as time goes on, so grows these robots' desire to become more than just "tools."

They evolve in new ways every day, running programs of "friendship," "loyalty," and for some, even "love"...



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MEGA MAN
HERO OF LIGHT LASS



ROLL
LIGHT LASS HELPER-ROBOT



ICE MAN
ARCTIC & ANTARCTIC SURVIVING ROBOT MASTER



QUAKE WOMAN
GEOLGICAL SURVIVING ROBOT MASTER

LIGHT LABS'
ARCTIC
RESEARCH
CENTER...

ALL RIGHT, QUAKE WOMAN,
SHAVE ANOTHER
MICROMETER OFF THE
SIDE THERE. EASY!
EASY! THIS HAS TO
BE PERFECT FOR HER!
SHE'LL BE HERE ANY
MOMENT!

PERHAPS
IF YOU
HADN'T
HAD ME
RESTART
TWICE
OVER...

COLD CRASH

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BOO-WIP!

BRRR!
WHY
COULDN'T
CUT MAN
HAVE
NEEDED
OUR HELP
INSTEAD?



YOU JUST
HAVE AN ANSWER
FOR EVERYTHING,
DON'T YOU? SO
WHY ARE WE
PROGRAMMED
TO FEEL COLD,
HUH?

YOU SAID
YOU WANTED
TO DO SOME
WORK OUTSIDE
OF THE LAB
FOR ONCE.

SO WE KNOW WHEN
WE'RE OPERATING IN
TEMPERATURES TOO
COLD FOR US. DUH.

SMARTY-
SHORTS.

YOU'RE
HERE!

HEY
ICE MAN!
WE GOT
YOUR---

--MESSAGE.

IT'S BEEN SO LONELY
OUT HERE IN THESE
FROZEN WASTES...

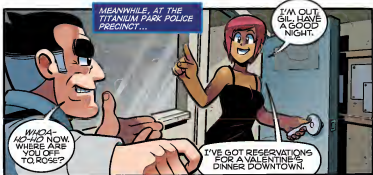
WE DON'T HAVE
HEARTS. WE'VE GOT
CIRCULATORY FLUID
PUMP ENGINES.

...BUT
YOU
BEING
HERE
WARM'S
MY HEART!

I WAS BEING
METAPHORICAL...

OH,
THAT'S A
CUTE SCULP-
TURE, THOUGH.
WERE YOU
BORED?

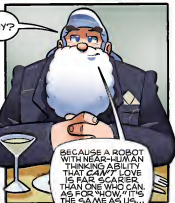












"...THEY TAKE THE DATA THEY'VE ACQUIRED, EVALUATE IT, AND EX-TRAPOLATE THE MOST REASON-ABLE OUT-COME."

HOW'S IT GOIN', TEMPO?

IT IS GOING WELL, ALTHOUGH I'M CONCERNED THAT FURTHER DRILLING MAY DESTABILIZE THE CHASM. ICE IS HARDER TO READ THAN ROCK OR SOIL.

ISN'T THIS ICE **GORGEOUS**, THOUGH? GLITTERING, GLEAM-ING...ROMANTIC, DON'T YOU THINK?

I... SUPPOSE? I DO NOT THINK I'VE FELT THAT EMOTION YET. THEY'RE VERY HARD TO I.D. AND CATALOGUE.

WELL, I'M AN EXPERT! YOU TRUSTED ME WHEN THE CRUISE SHIP CRASHED, RIGHT? X

YES?

*MM #12

THEN TRUST ME NOW. THIS SETTING IS **VERY** ROMANTIC. YOU SHOULD USE THIS MOMENT TO EXPERIENCE A NEW EMOTION!

...I SHOULD?

THEN I WOULD NEED A COMPATIBLE PARTNER. NOT ICE M'AN. I'M PRETTY SURE I FELT "ANNOYANCE" TOWARD HIM TODAY.

YOU SHOULD HOOK UP WITH MY BROTHER!

...I SHOULD?

DEFINITELY! THIS IS GOING TO BE SO CUTE! AND SWEET! AND THEN MAYBE YOU CAN GET MARRIED, AND I CAN BE THE MAID OF HONOR, AND IT'LL BE SO LOVELY!

...M-
MARRIED?



YEAH, WELL, WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GET TO THE UGLY SIDE OF LOVE?

WHAT? YOU MEAN THE NERVOUSNESS? THE LACK OF CONFIDENCE?

I MEAN JEALOUSY, DOC.



HEY... DO YOU THINK I SHOULD, ~~UN~~ DATE QUAKE WOMAN? I THINK I'M TOO YOUNG, BUT THEN AGAIN, WE'RE ROBOTS, WE DON'T AGE, SO...

WHAT WOULD I KNOW ABOUT ROMANCE?



I SUPPOSE JEALOUSY COULD ARISE, BITTERNESS, RESENTMENT.

BWGG EVER READ SHAKESPEARE? "ROMEO AND JULIET"? "HAMLET"? THIS IS COMIN' FROM MY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. "LOVE" IS A PRETTY HANDY MOTIVE FOR ALL KINDS OF BUNK!



...I WOULD... LIKE YOUR ASSESSMENT ON... WELL... WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF ROMANCE?

NOTHING, APPARENTLY!

WHY DON'T YOU TWO JUST—I DON'T KNOW—HEAD DOWN TO SITE B?



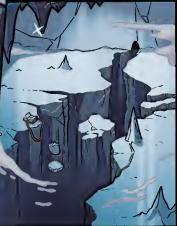
"A LOVING HEART IS THE BEGINNING OF ALL KNOWLEDGE," THOMAS CARLYLE.

YEAH, WELL, "LOVE IS TOO YOUNG TO KNOW WHAT CONSCIENCE IS," WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



LOOK AT YOU! AGAIN WITH "THE BARD!"

I'VE GOT ONE OF THEM OLD PEOPLE HOBBIES, I LIKE TO READ





...BUT
THEY
WEREN'T
WRONG...

...ABOUT THE DANGERS
OF SCIENCE ADVANCIN'
TOO FAST. WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN THE LINE BETWEEN
ROBOTS AND HUMANS
GETS FUZZY? LIKE THAT
"LOVE" THING WE WERE
TALKIN' ABOUT EARLIER.
WHAT IF SOME VIRUS
TURNS 'EM CRAZY AND
MAKES THEM RUN WILD?

WE *DO* NEED TO
TAKE ON THESE AD-
VANCES CAUTIOUSLY
AND RESPONSIBLY,
BUT WE STILL NEED TO
MOVE FORWARD. IT'S
A DANGEROUS ROAD,
EVEN OVERPOWERING
TO THOSE OF US IN THE
FIELD, BUT IT'S
NECESSARY.

I'M
SO SORRY,
GIL--

--I'S ENTITLED TO HIS
OPINION, THIS IS GIL'S
WORLD AS MUCH AS
OURS.

AND *THAT'S* MY
BEEF. YOU KEEP
BUILDIN' THESE ROBOTS
BIGGER AND BETTER
SO FAST HUMANITY
CAN'T KEEP UP. YOU'RE
MAKIN' IT *THEIR*
WORLD, NOT OURS.

I CAN UNDERSTAND
THOSE CONCERNS...

"YEAH, BUT HOW DO
YOU MAKE SURE
THEY SHARE?"

...BUT I DON'T SEE IT AS A
MATTER OF "MAN VERSUS
MACHINE." WE HAVE THIS UNIQUE
OPPORTUNITY TO BRING IN A NEW
FORM OF LIFE AND TEACH IT USING
BOTH OUR TRIUMPHS *AND* OUR
FAILURES. MY RESEARCH, AGENT
STERN, IS TO MAKE A WORLD
FOR *ALL* OF US.

LIGHT... I DON'T
KNOW WHICH HURT
WORSE, THE FALL
OR THE UNINTENDED
PUN. MEGA MAN
TO ROLL. ARE YOU
OKAY?

"BY TEACH-
ING THEM
CONCERN
FOR THEIR
FELLOWS--
ROBOT AND
MAN."



OH, MAN
WE'RE DON'T
TELL ME OUR
BUT-IN COMING
IS THE
DAMAGED
WHEN WE...

I READ YOU! I'M FINE,
ONLY MINOR EXTERNAL
DAMAGE. I DON'T SEE
ANYONE ELSE, THOUGH.

STAY PUT
3 KSHK! ICE
MAN? 3 ZPTTE
YOU THERE?

I'M HERE, BUT YOU'RE
BARELY COMING
THROUGH. RECEPTION'S
TERRIBLE DOWN
HERE. I'M PICKING UP
YOUR HEAT
SIGNATURES...

...AND
MAKING
MY WAY
TO YOU.

QUAKE
WOMAN,
HOW
ABOUT
YOU?

QUAKE
WOMAN?
TEMPO?
HELLO?
ICE MAN,
CAN YOU
SEE HER?

3 KSHK! 3
SEE THREE
BLOBS. I
THINK QUAKE
WOMAN IS
CLOSER TO
YOU, MEGA
MAN.

"BY TEACH-
ING THEM
HEROISM."

I THINK SHE'S
IN TROUBLE.
AM I HEADING
THE RIGHT
WAY?

YEAH, BUT MAKE IT
FAST. YOU 3KSHK1E
AREN'T BUILT FOR SUB-
ZERO TEMPERATURES
LIKE ME. YOUR SYSTEMS
WON'T LAST FOR
3VRRTIE MUCH LONGER!

IT'S OKAY! I
FOUND HER!

QUAKE WOMAN,
GET UP, WE'VE GOT
TO GET TO THE
OTHERS.

QUAKE
WOMAN?
TEMPO?

BURIED AGAIN,
BURIED BUT FULLY
ACTIVE. WANT TO DIG,
DIGGING MIGHT BURY
ME MORE. NO DIGGING.
NO CHANCE OF
ESCAPE. LOGIC LOOP
WHILE I'M BURIED.

HEY, I'VE FACED
DESTRUCTION
DOZENS OF TIMES.
IT'S SCARY, BUT
YOU'VE GOT TO
OVERCOME IT AND
MOVE ON.

YOU'VE FACED, I'VE
EXPERIENCED. I WAS
BURIED, CRUSHED,
DESTROYED. MOM TOOK
IT ALL AWAY, THEN I WAS
STILL DEAD. ONLY INSIDE
NOW I FUNCTION, BUT I
REMEMBER.

WHAT IF
I LOSE MYSELF
AGAIN?

WHAT IF I'M
DAMAGED, AND
MOM CHANGES
HER MIND?

ROLL WANTS ME
TO EXPERIENCE
"ROMANCE," BUT
ALL I KNOW IS...

...FEAR.



FEAR MAKES US
SECOND-GUESS
THAT BIG JUMP,
OR DRILLING IN AN
UNSTABLE PLACE.
IT PROTECTS US
AS MUCH AS IT
SLOWS US DOWN.

IT'S COURAGE THAT SPEEDS US UP
AGAIN. ROLL TOLD ME ALL ABOUT
WHAT YOU DID FOR THE PEOPLE ON THAT
CRUISE SHIP. I SAW YOU IN ACTION AT
THE CONVENTION. * YOU HAVE THE
COURAGE YOU NEED.

"BY TEACH-
ING THEM
FRIENDSHIP
COMRADERY
--ALL THE
BEST TRAITS
HUMANITY
HAS TO
OFFER."

YOU SOUND LIKE
YOUR FATHER. YOU
...HAVE A LOT OF
CONFIDENCE IN ME.

I DO
IN ALL MY
FRIENDS.

* MEGA MAN
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"FRIENDS."
LET'S KEEP
IT LIKE THAT,
ALL RIGHT?
IT IS...
SIMPLER.

YES! THANK
YOU! MUCH
SIMPLER!

ROLL WILL BE
DISAPPOINTED.

SHE CAN GET OVER IT.
ICE MAN? ROLL? I
FOUND QUAKE WOMAN,
AND WE'RE HEADING
IN YOUR DIRECTION.

"PRETTY WORDS,
DOC. MAKE SURE
THEY HAPPEN SO
I DON'T HAVE TO
CLEAN UP YOUR
MESS... AGAIN."

"IT WILL BE MY
LIFE'S WORK, AND
THEN SOME."



CRUD. ANOTHER DEAD END. AT THIS RATE, EVERYONE IS GOING TO FREEZE, AND I'LL BE TRAPPED FOREVER!



NO. WHAT KIND OF TALK IS THAT SOLDIER? THEY NEED YOU! ROLL NEEDS YOU! NONE OF THEM ARE BUILT FOR THIS TERRAIN, AND YOU ARE!



YOU ARE THE ICE MAN! YOU FOUGHT MEGA MAN TO A STAND-STILL!

(ACTUALLY, HE KINDA WRECKED ME...)X

X MEGA MAN VOLUME 1 GRAPHIC NOVEL, ALSO ON SALE NOW
—EDITOR



THAT'S ENOUGH SOLDIER! MAN-UP! RESCUE YOUR LADY! SAVE THE DAY! THIS IS YOUR TIME TO SHINE!

YOU CAN DO IT!



HOORAY! ROLL TO MEGA MAN! I FOUND ICE MAN! WE'LL WAIT FOR RESCUE HERE!

SOON...

THERE YOU ARE.
WE NEED TO GET
OUT OF HERE. MY
PROCESSOR IS
SLOWING...

I TOLD YOU
AND THE ICE
HERE IS TOO
THICK FOR A
CLEAR TELE-
PORT SIGNAL.

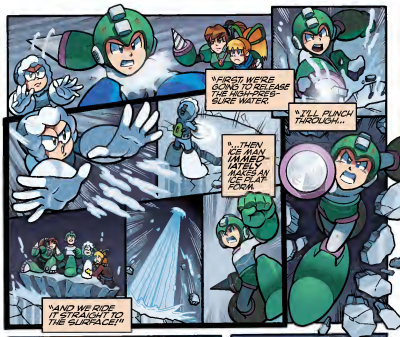
PERHAPS...
PERHAPS WE
COULD DRILL
HAND-HOLDS
IN THE ICE.
CLIMB AND
DRILL OUR
WAY OUT.

NO NO NO!
LOOK UNDER
YOUR FEET!

THERE'S A
HIGH-PRES-
SURE POCKET
RIGHT UNDER
US! DRILLING
NOW MIGHT
RELEASE IT!
AND WE'D BE
CRUSHED AGAINST
THE CEILING!

MAYBE...MAYBE I
CAN FIND MY WAY
TO THE SURFACE.
CALL IN SOME HELP.
FIRE MAN, ELEC MAN
...NOT GUTS MAN.

NO NEED.
WE'RE LEAVING
TOGETHER.
HERE'S THE
PLAN...





Next Time—On the eve of the BIGGEST Crossover Story in MEGA MAN history—Break Man arrives to ruin Mega Man's Big Birthday Bash! Until then, don't miss out on the ever-growing Mega Man Graphic Novel Library and the Mega Man APP for your mobile device!

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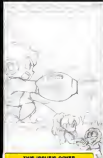


PERVLOS
by
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ROCK ON

EDITORIAL COLUMN

IT'S THE ISSUE THAT LAUNCHED A THOUSAND SHIPS!



THIS ISSUE'S COVER
PENCILS BY JAMAL PEPPER

Ah, yes. Love is in the air for our robotic friends – and astute readers will note that Ice Man's crush on Roll has been brewing for quite a while! (MM#5, even! Don't believe me? Download MM#5 from the Mega Man comics app today and see for yourself!) Roll doesn't seem to be very interested, you might say Ice Man has been getting the... COLD... shoulder... itthankyou... but fear not, **ICE-ROLL** shippers! There just might come a day when Roll finally sees that Ice Man is a chill dude! A really ice guy once she gets to know him.

Wow, tough crowd. ANYWAY, make sure you bring a right back here next month when Mega Man celebrates his birthday, and Break Man finally makes his move.



POOR ICE MAN CAN'T GET ON A
KISS IN THIS PENCIL PANEL
BY RYAN JAMPOLE

Also next issue, The seeds will be sown for the MEGA MAN/SONIC THE HEDGEHOG crossover event, titled "WORLDS COLLIDE" coming soon!

And don't forget to come back next time to check out the winners of the "ROCK OF AGES" fan art contest! Thanks to everyone who submitted an entry! And while you're at it, be sure to pick up the Mega Man Vol. 4 graphic novel, **ON SALE NOW!**

Catch ya
next time!



ICE MAN PUTTING OUT THE FIRE ON ROLL'S
HAIR IN MEGA MAN VS. AVAILABLE ON THE
MEGA MAN COMICS APP, AND IN MEGA-MAN
VOLUME 24 TIME KEEPS SLIPPING!



CHECK OUT THESE
AWESOME PENCILS
BY THE JAN-TASTIC
RYAN JAMPOLE!

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Dear Mega-Mail,
Hey I loved the two part story "Proto-type."

Well if ya liked that, get psyched 'cause Proto Man is coming back next issue as the dangerous Break Man!

And I just wrote this letter to say I'm a big fan of Mega Man comics, and I just can't wait for the story arc "Worlds Collide." I think that Mega Man and Sonic's meeting for the first time will not go so well because Mega Man is a robot and Sonic smashes robots. I hope this gets in. Bye!

-Christopher W.
from Kentucky

Thanks for being a real Mega-fan, Chris! It may well be the case, but one thing's for sure, "Worlds Collide" is gonna knock your dash boots off! Make sure to take advantage of our special subscription offer located at the center of this issue! Plugplugplugplug

Dear Mega-Mail,
Rock of Ages was, to put it simply, awesome! So many characters it made my head spin. You guys did a great job of celebrating Mega Man's 25th anniversary.

Why thank you!

I am curious though, will we ever see Bass again in the comic? Maybe in the "Worlds Collide" saga? Thanks.

-Robert Whitaker,
from Kentucky

I'm fairly certain that you will be seeing Bass again real soon! Will he

be in the crossover? Hmmm, why not subscribe and find out?! Plugplugplug

Dear Mega-Mail,
Each story arc and issue you guys always seem to be able to raise the bar and I must say you've REALLY impressed me with your story for the 25th anniversary issue. I applaud you guys simply for all the cameos (I'm a huge Punk fan!) and the way you designed the story was really awesome. Having Mega Man visit all the future troubles he'll have to deal with was a GREAT way to tease the fans! I didn't think I'd ever see Terra of the Starroids or King so early! And as for including Bass in the overarching premise... it was done amazingly!

Happy to hear it! We had a great time putting it all together! Look forward to more awesome cameos as the series continues!

I'm really excited for what you guys have in store and this story alone will get anyone hooked I just know it.

Keep up the amazing work, all of you!

- Jock M.
Ontario, Canada

Thanks for the kind words, Jock! We'll keep the amazing coming!

Dear Mega-Mail,
Greetings! I'm a big fan of this series. The art work is beyond incredible and I just love the way you've captured the characters and universe of Mega Man. As a child I dreamed

of seeing this story being documented and illustrated and you have far exceeded my expectations.

And there's plenty more to come! We've only scratched the surface of Mega Man and his world, and we've got a lot more to explore!

I want to congratulate you on doing such a superb job at Archie Comics, in keeping the Mega Man spirit so alive and well!

-Jesse B.
from Florida.

And the spirit will never die! Thanks, Jesse!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I have to say this is a great series. I love how you're introducing new characters such as Quake Woman alongside old favorites. Is there any chance you're gonna do a special issue for Mega Man's 25th Anniversary?

-Brendan H.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

And we love Quake Woman! Hope you enjoyed her return this issue, Brendan! We made a special 25th anniversary issue titled Rock of Ages! You can download it today on the Mega Man comics App right NOW and jump through all of space time! Plugplugplugplug

Want to send a special shout-out to The Mega Man Monthly website for all the great work documenting this series! See y'all next time for the return of Break Man!

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FOR THE BOY WHO HAS EVERYTHING

BLUES IS BACK

Blues, now dubbed Break Man, has returned to do the bidding of the evil Dr. Wily. Can Mega Man force him to stop his brother-like quest?

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